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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US BERLIN-LONDON AND BERLIN-PARIS

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- 1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES BACKGROUND INFO REF A. WE REGRET THAT OUR USE OF TERM "HARD QUESTIONS" GAVE IMPRESSION THAT WE PLAN TO APPROACH THIS PROBLEM IN CONTENTIOUS OR RECRIMINATORY MANNER. OUR AIM IS TO RE-ESTABLISH IF POSSIBLE PRINCIPLE THAT BERLIN CARRIERS SHOULD BE GIVEN WIDEST POSSIBLE LATITUDE IN ROUTES AND NOT SUBJECTED TO RESTRICTIONS OF NORMAL BI-LATERAL RELATIONSHIPS.
- 2. WE HAVE, IN FACT, ALREADY ASKED OUR QUESTIONS OF FRENCH CAA GAUSSOT WHO HAD ANTICIPATED THEM AND ALREADY PUT THEM TO THE GOF. WE POINTED OUT THAT IN 1975 ALL CHARTERS TO PARIS HAD BEEN PROHIBITED BY THE GOF ON GROUNDS THAT AIR FRANCE SCHEDULED SERVICES NEEDED TO BE PROTECTED, AND ASKED IF THIS CONSIDERATION CONFIDENTIAL

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NO LONGER ACCEPTED BY GOF. WE ALSO ASKED IF GOF NOW INTENDS TO OPEN UP PARIS TO NON-FRENCH CHARTER CARRIERS.

3. GAUSSOT SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY AND DGAC HAD ALREADY APPROVED AIR ALPES CHARTERS BETWEEN PARISTEGEL AND CHAMBERY-TEGEL. THIS HE SAID WAS DONE DESPITE THE OBJECTIONS OF AIR FRANCE. AIR ALPES

PLANS TO BEGIN SERVICE WITH A 46 SEAT FOKKER F-27 AND LATER ADD A 56 SEAT F-27.

- 4. QUESTION OF ALLIED AS OPPOSED TO ONLY FRENCH RIGHTS IS NOT ENTIRELY ONE OF PRINCIPLE. PAN AM IS PRESENTLY UNINTERESTED BUT AEROAMERICA WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO GET IN ON THIS MARKET. WITH BIGGER, FASTER AIRCRAFT AND LOW COSTS THEY MIGHT BE FORMIDABLE COMPETITION FOR AIR ALPES. LAKER AND DAN AIR MIGHT ALSO SEEK THIS BUSINESS.
- 4. AIR ALPES WISHES TO FLY TWO ROUND TRIPS PER WEEK FROM PARIS AND TWO FROM CHAMBERY. THEY APPARENTLY ALREADY HAVE TWO YEAR CONTRACT WITH A BERLIN TRAVEL AGENCY. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CARRIER WILL APPEAR BEFORE THE CAA'S ON SEPTEMBER 28 TO GIVE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED OPERATION. STOESSEL

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